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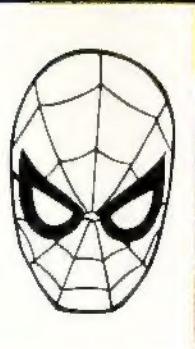
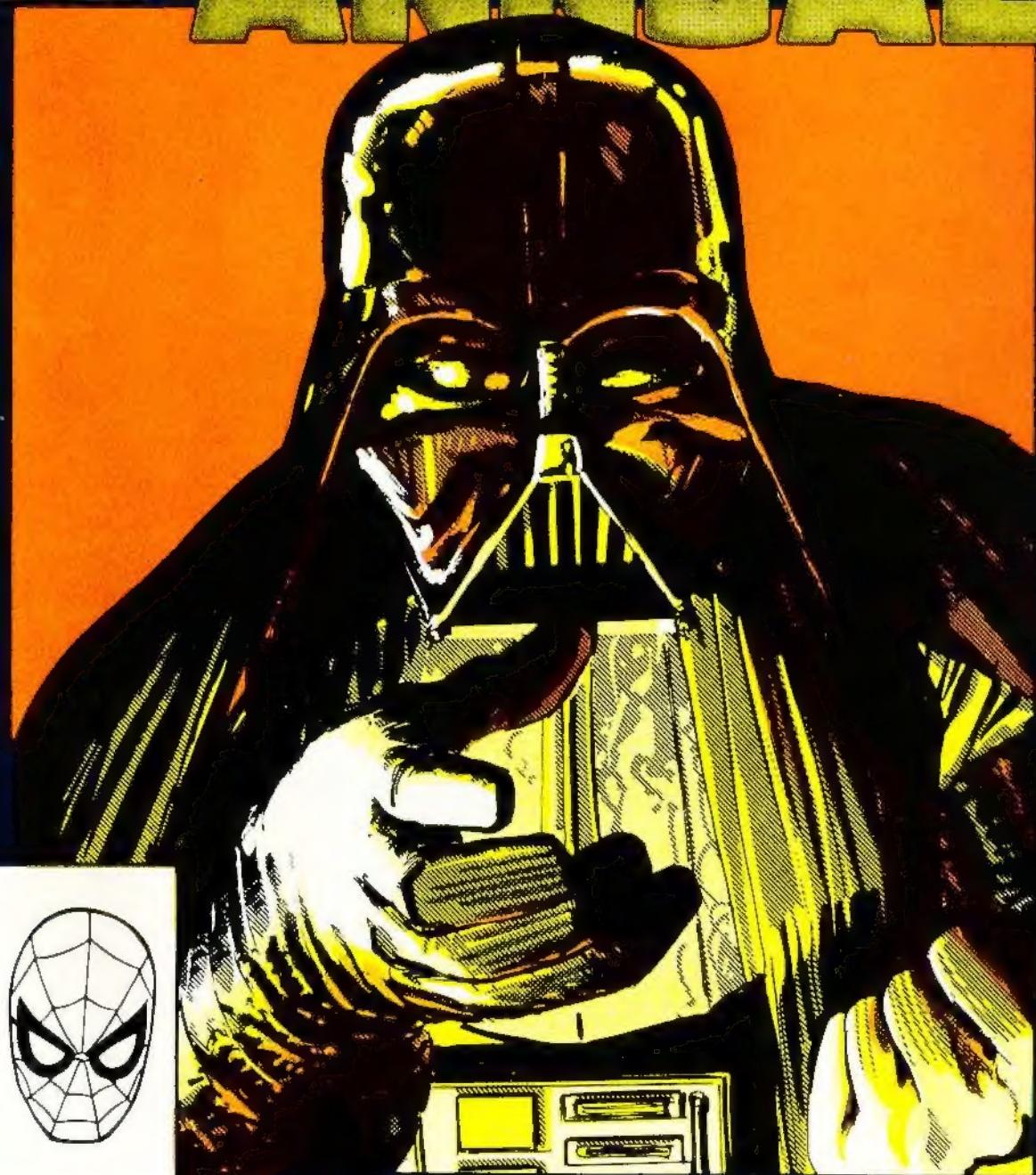


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WE WON'T, MY LORD.
REST ASSURED
WE WON'T.

YOU SPEAK VERY
DRAMATICALLY OF
OUR MISSION AND
THE IMPORTANCE
OF THIS PLANET,
LORD VADER...

...BUT OF
COURSE YOU ARE
EXAGGERATING.

I EXAGGERATE
NOTHING,
GENERAL
ANDROID.

THE WORK
THAT GOES ON
ON THE PLANET
BELDERONE
IS VITAL TO
IMPERIAL
PLANS--

--BOTH FOR THE
CONQUEST OF NEW
PLANETS AND
SYSTEMS--

--AND FOR
THE FINAL
CRUSHING OF
THIS REBELLION
WHICH HAS
CONTINUED TO
FLOURISH--

--DESPITE
THE BEST EFFORTS
OF YOU AND MEN
LIKE YOURSELF
TO CRUSH IT.

I REPEAT,
GENTLEMEN. FAIL
ME HERE, FAIL THE
EMPEROR HERE, AND
YOU WON'T GET THE
OPPORTUNITY TO
FAIL AGAIN...

REBELLIOUS SENTIMENTS IN THIS SYSTEM HAVE BEEN GROWING OF LATE... OUR INTELLIGENCE INFORMS US OF IT...

AND MY MASTER HAS SENSED IT, AS WELL...

HE IS ONE WITH THE FORCE, AND HE KNOWS WHEN SOMETHING--LIKE THE GROWING UNREST IN THIS SECTOR--THREATENS HIM...

AND I, TOO, HAVE SENSED TROUBLE BREWING AMONG THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION OF KULTHIS--THE THIRD PLANET OF THIS STAR SYSTEM...

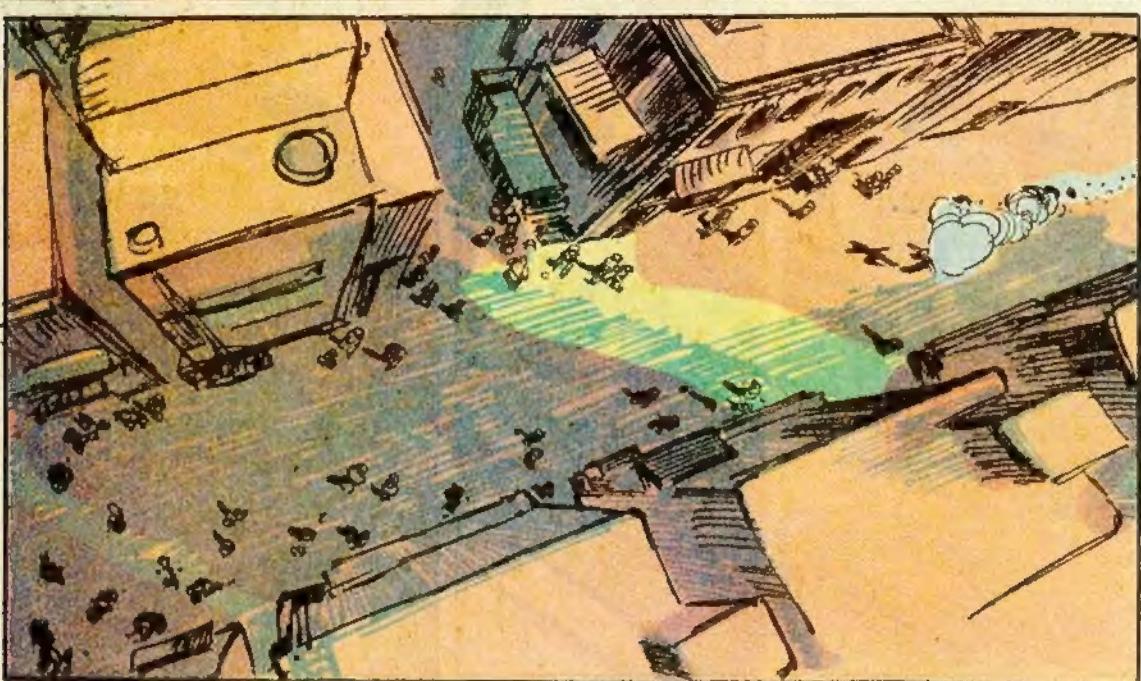
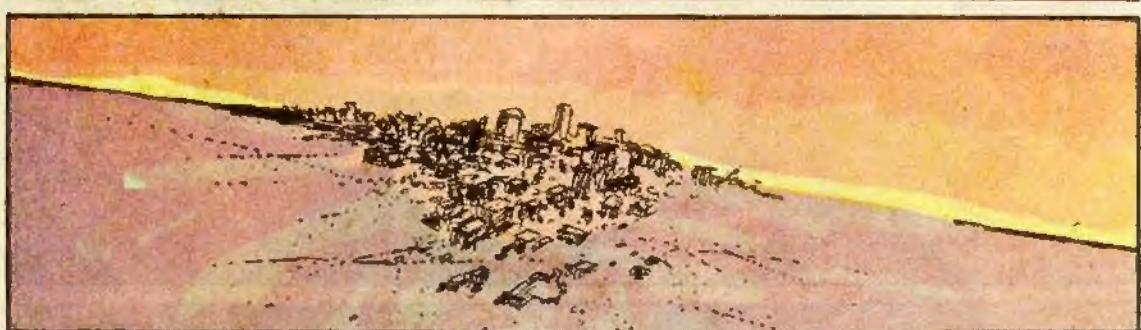
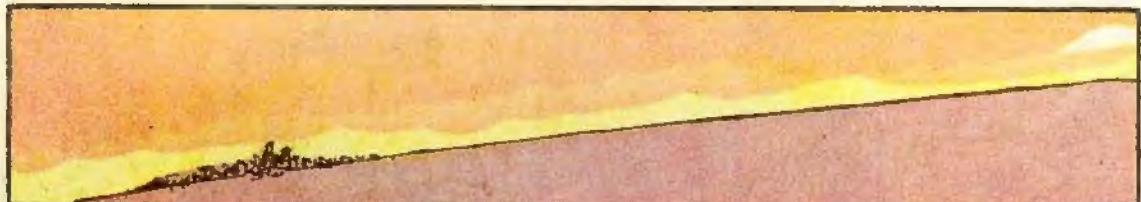
AS SOON AS THE WORK ON BELDERONE HAS REACHED THE PROPER STAGE... VERY SOON NOW, GENTLEMEN...

-- YOU AND YOUR FORCES WILL SWEEP ACROSS KULTHIS, AND CRUSH THE REBELLION THERE, ONCE AND FOR ALL!

LORD VADER, I WOULD BE THE LAST ONE TO BE LITTLE YOUR FAITH IN THAT MYSTIC ENERGY FIELD YOU REFER TO AS THE FORCE...

...OR TO IMPLY THAT THE TRAINING YOU RECEIVED DURING YOUR DAYS AS A JEDI KNIGHT HAD MADE A ROMANTIC OF YOU--!







I TOLD YOU, SOMETHING
NEAT IS HAPPENING!
THERE'S A SHIP LANDING
OVER BY THE SPACE-
PORT...

OH, A SHIP LANDING.
WELL, THAT'S TERRIBLY
IMPORTANT, OF COURSE...

WHAT IS IT
TODAY... ARE THEY
DROPPING OFF
ANOTHER NEW
LOAD OF SUPER-
VISORS? OR PICK-
ING UP SOME
MORE OF THE
COMPLETED
PRODUCTS?

NOTHING LIKE
THAT! THIS IS SOME-
THING IMPORTANT...
THIS SHIP ISN'T
FROM THE EMPIRE...

IT'S SOMETHING
DIFFERENT... I
KNOW IT. I CAN
FEEL IT!

COME ON!
WE OUGHT TO
GO AND SEE
IT...

OH, SURE!
IT'S OUR SWORN
DUTY AS THE GUARDIANS
AND PROTECTORS
OF BELDERONE...

HEY, I HEARD
YOUR MOTHER
CALLING YOU A
MINUTE AGO...
SHOULDN'T WE
GO SEE HER
FIRST?

FLINT! FLINT!!

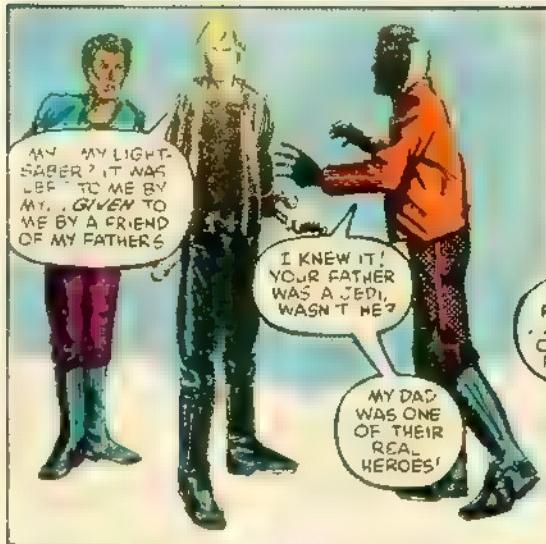
AND MISS
THIS? WHAT FOR?
MOM ALWAYS
WANTS SOMETHING...

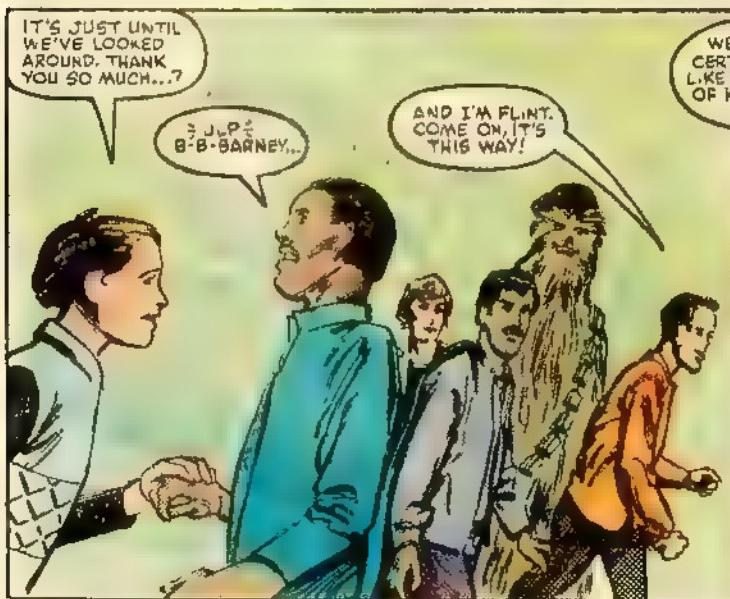
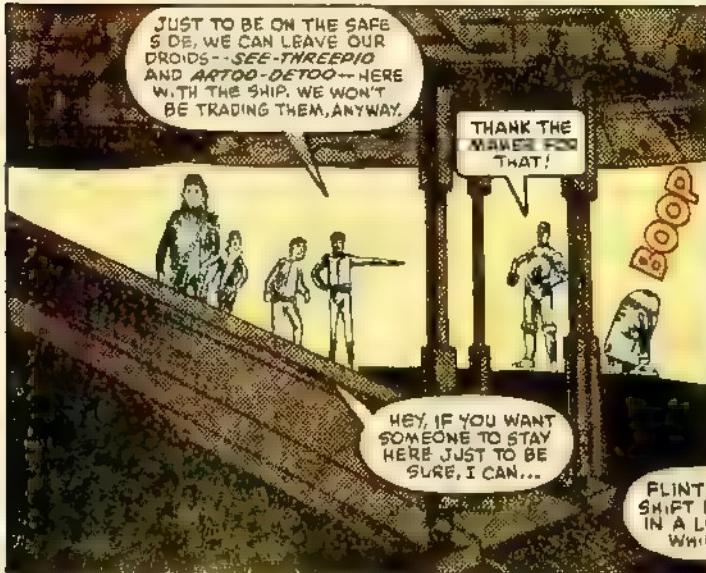
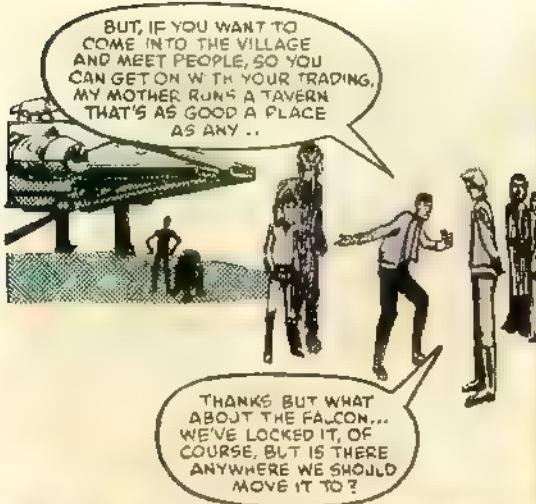
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I KNEW
IT!

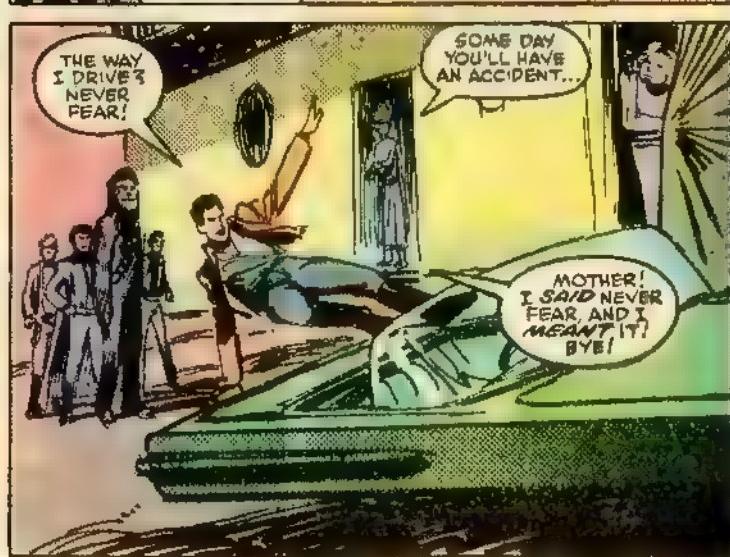
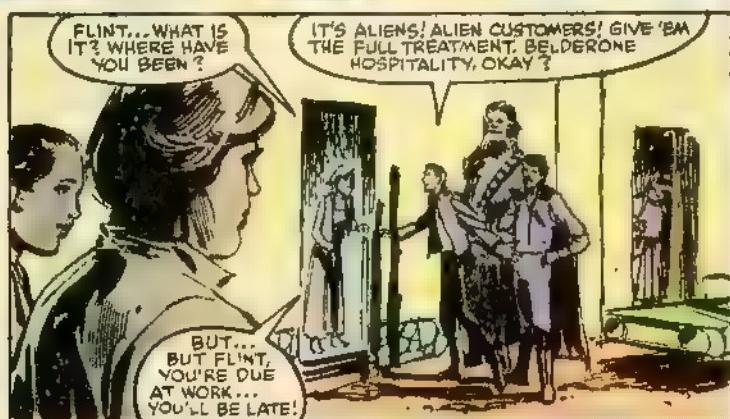
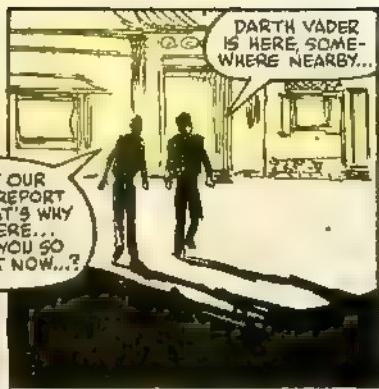
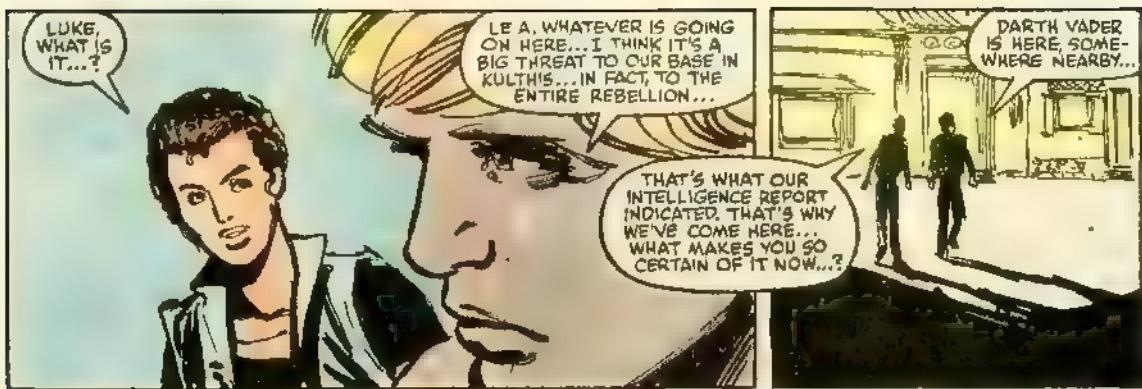


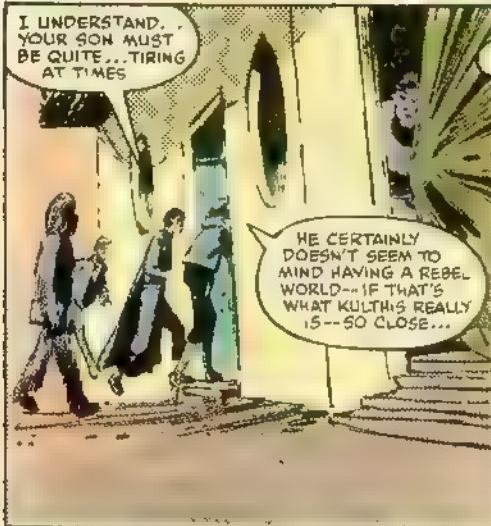






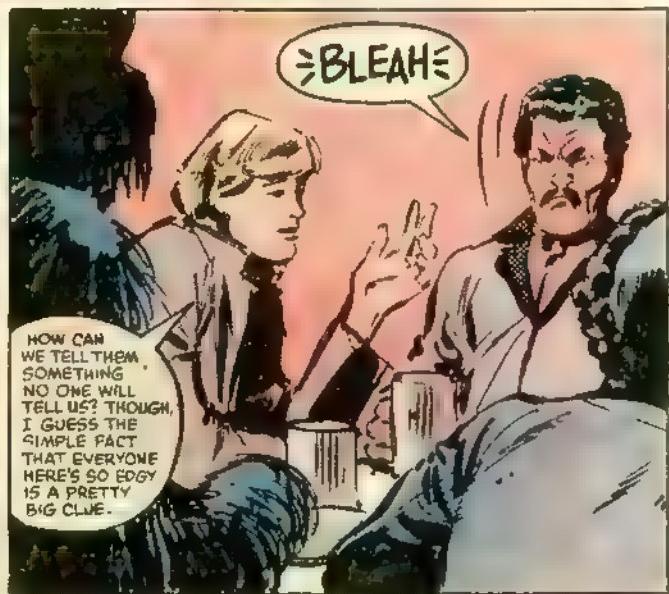
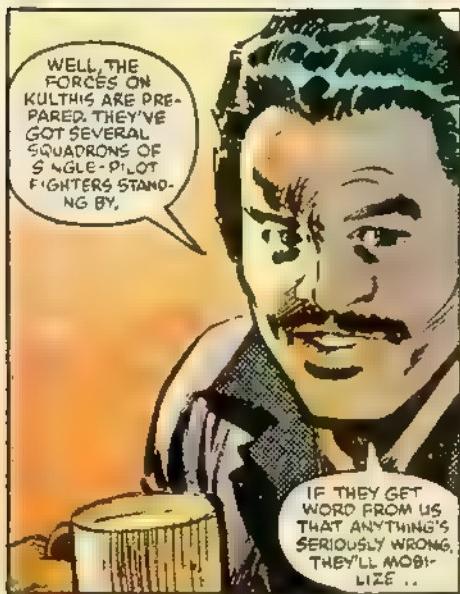


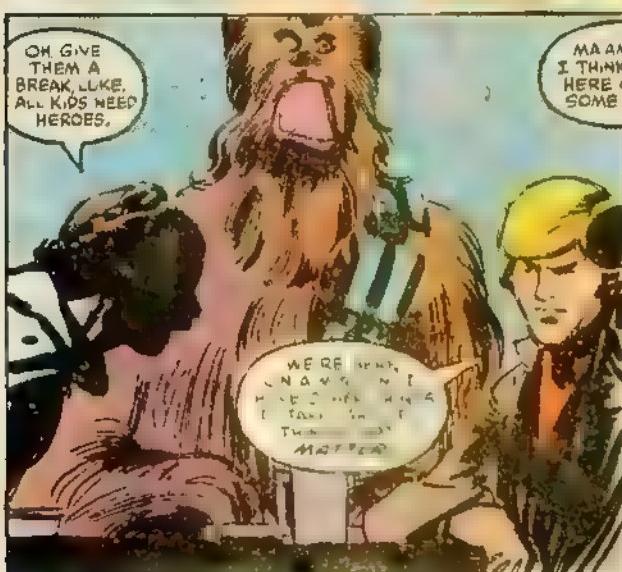
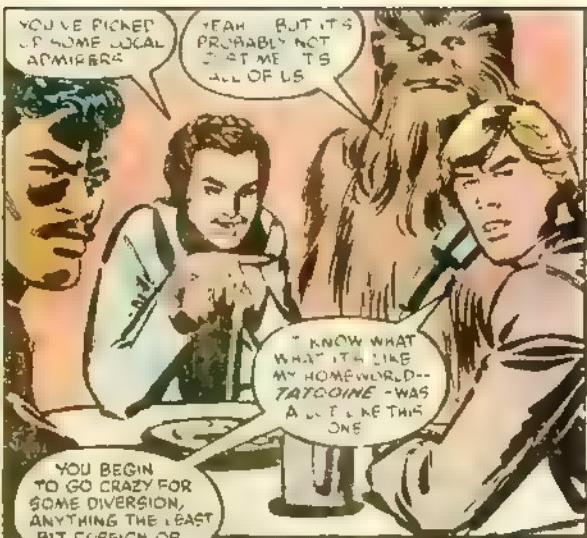


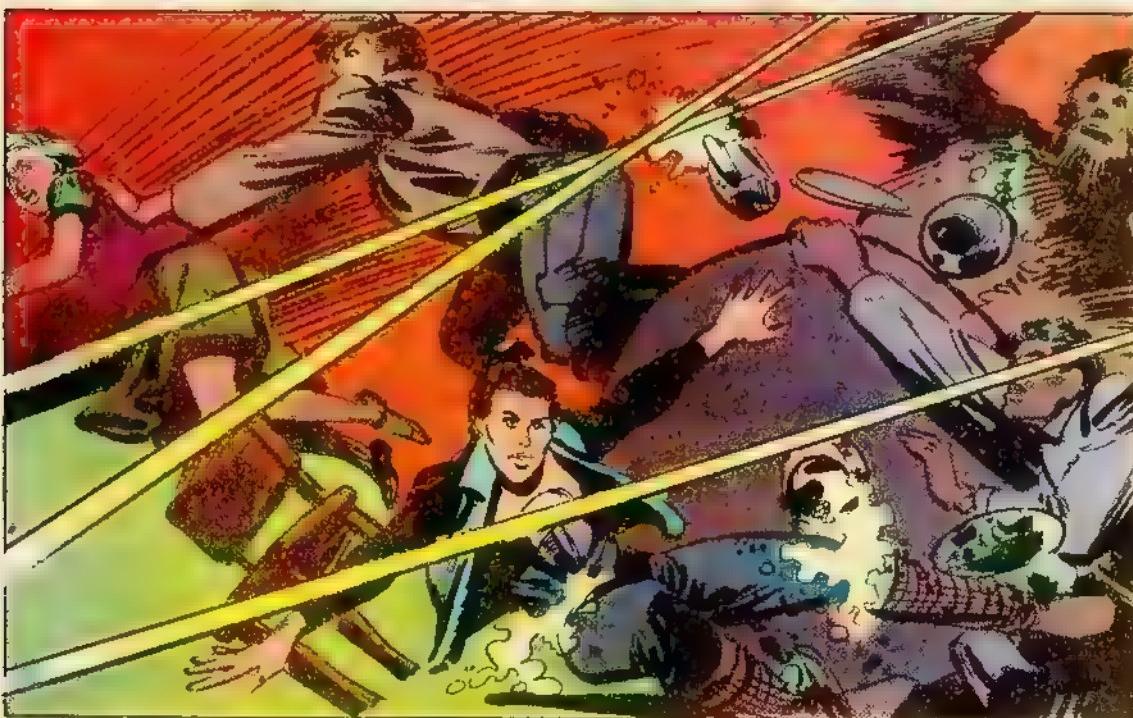


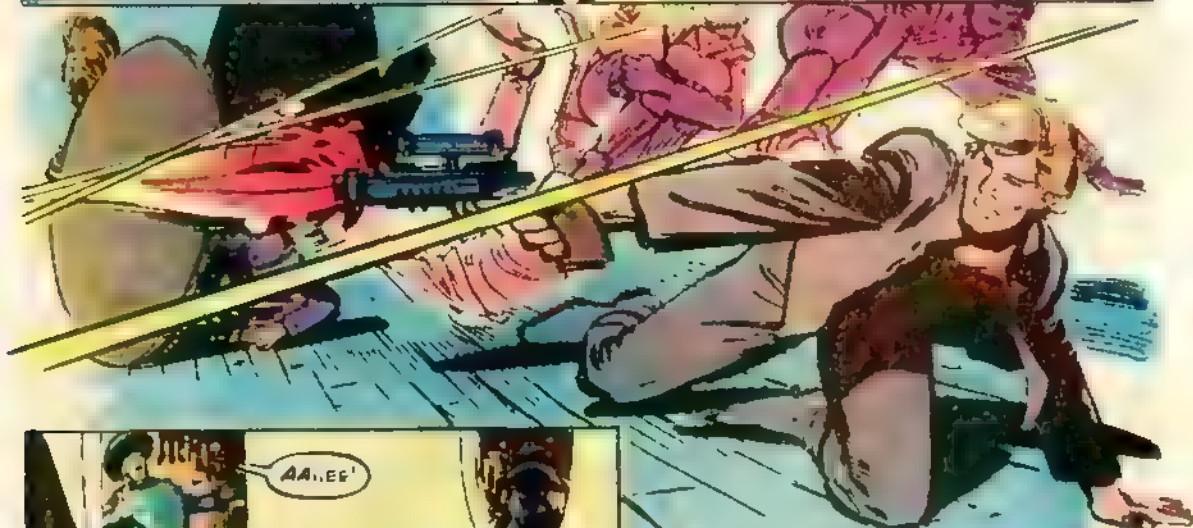


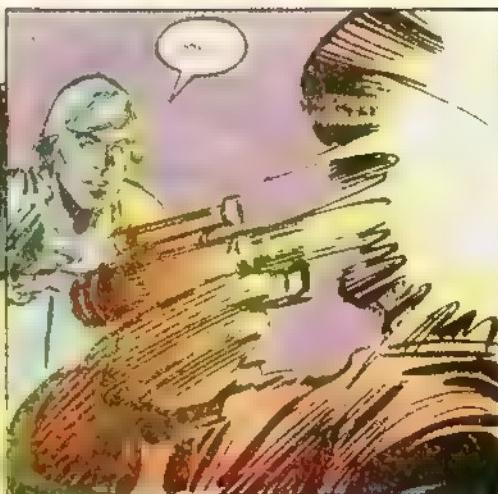
YOU NOTICED IT, TOO? THEY ALL TALK ABOUT THEIR JOBS, BUT THEY'RE CAREFUL NEVER TO MENTION JUST WHAT THEY DO HERE.

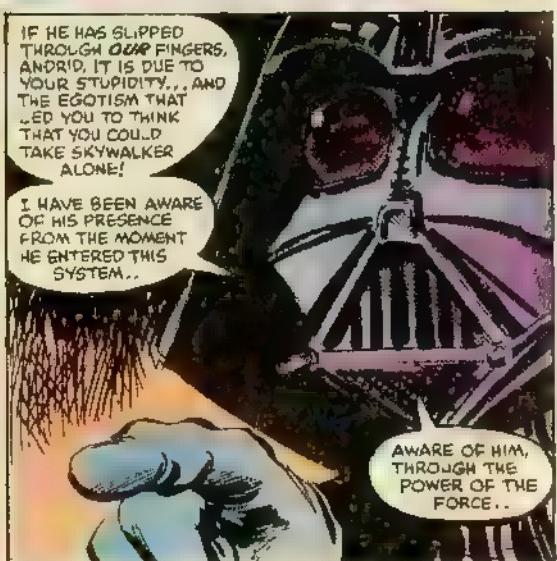
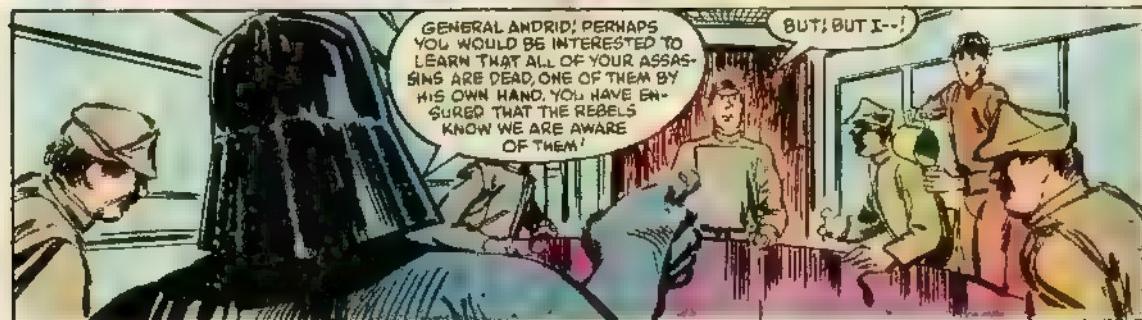


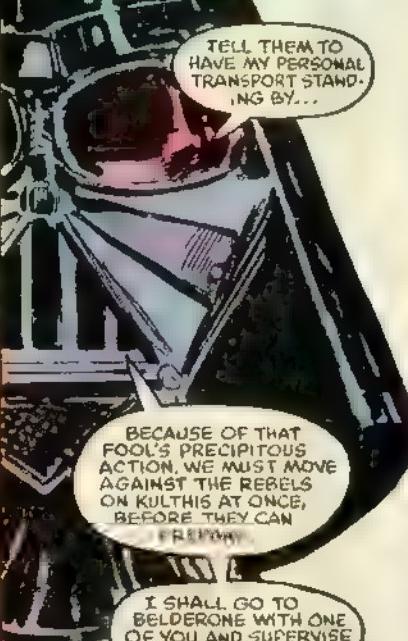




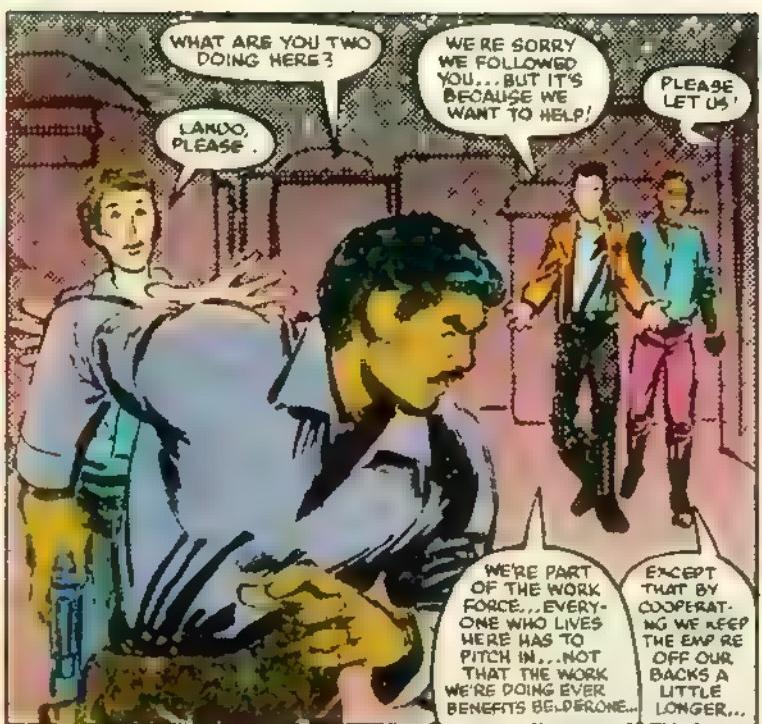


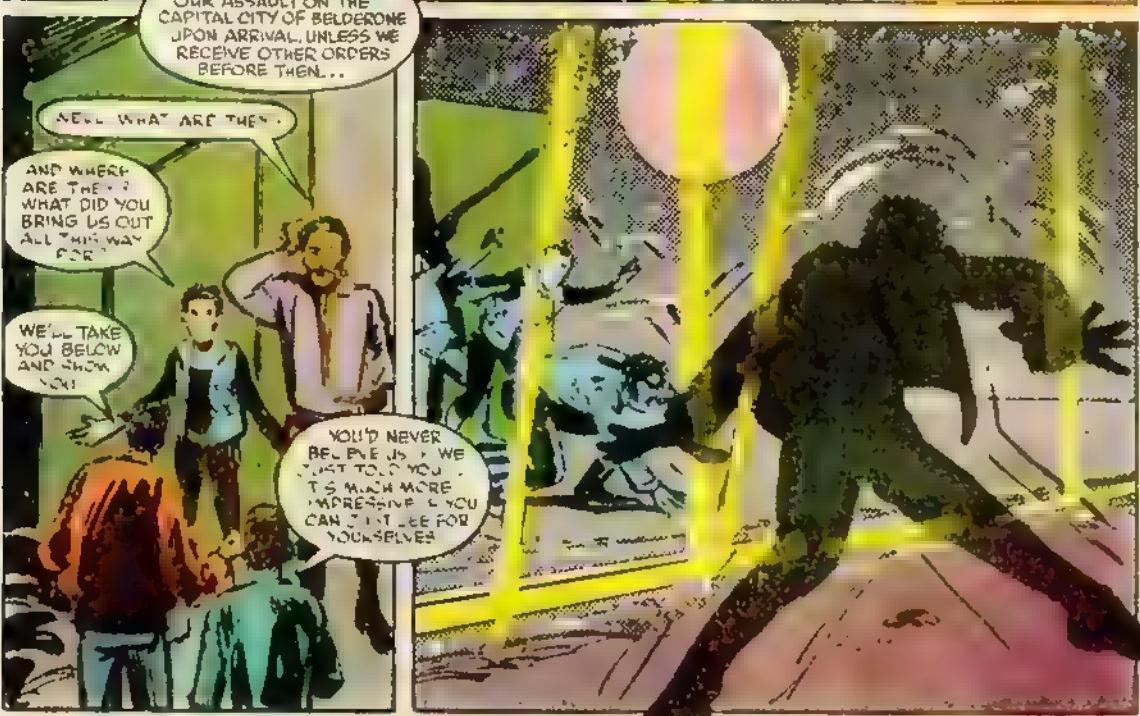
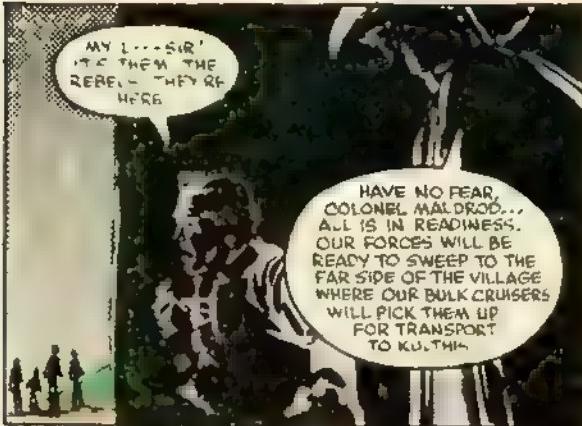


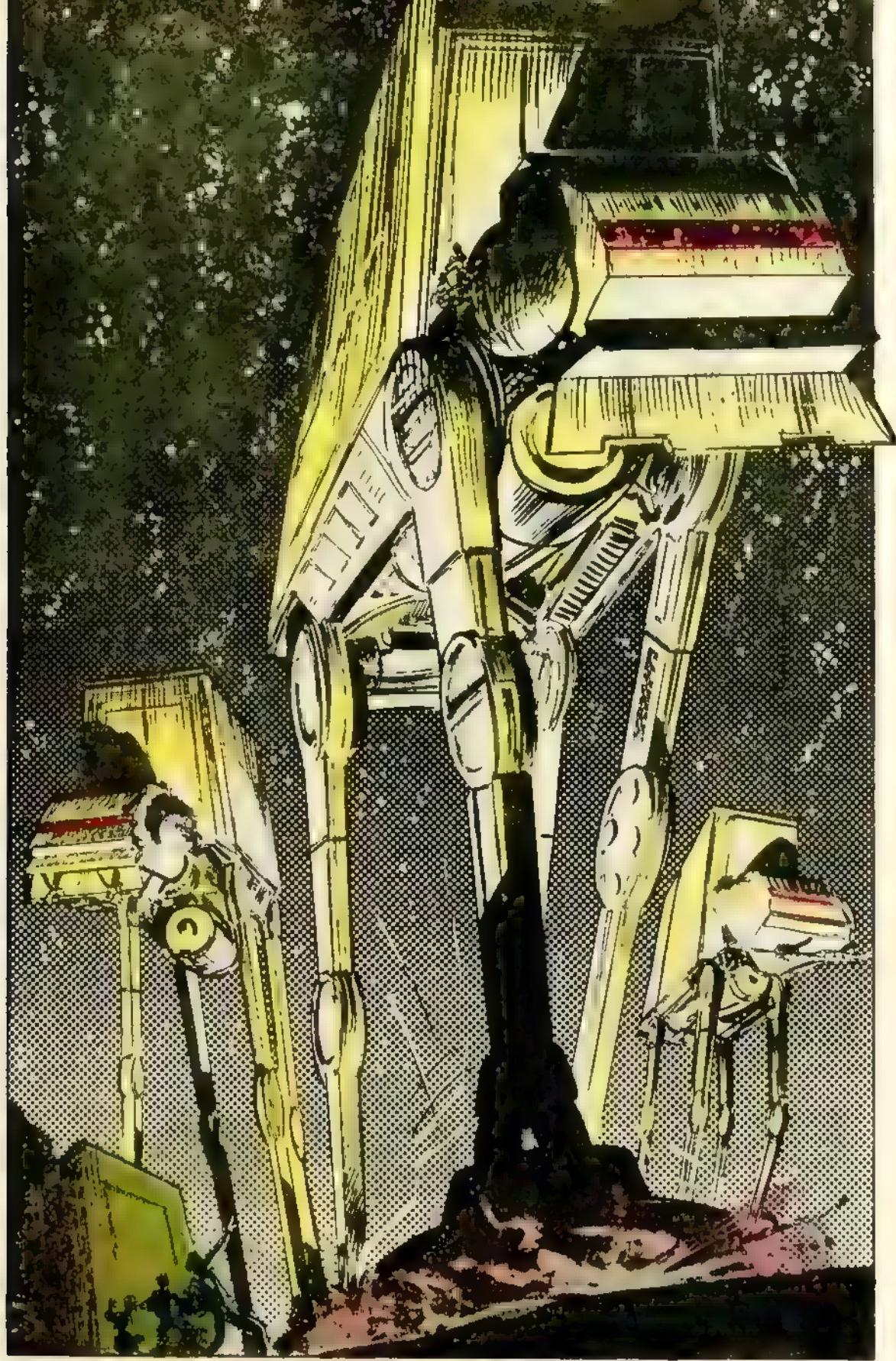


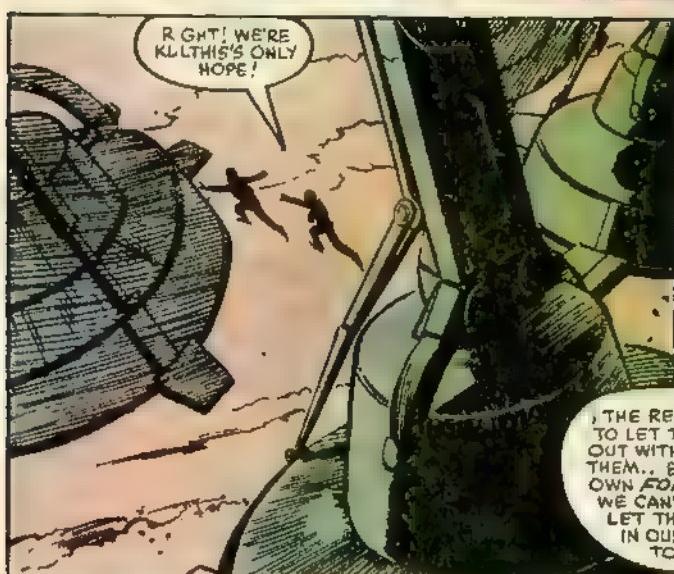










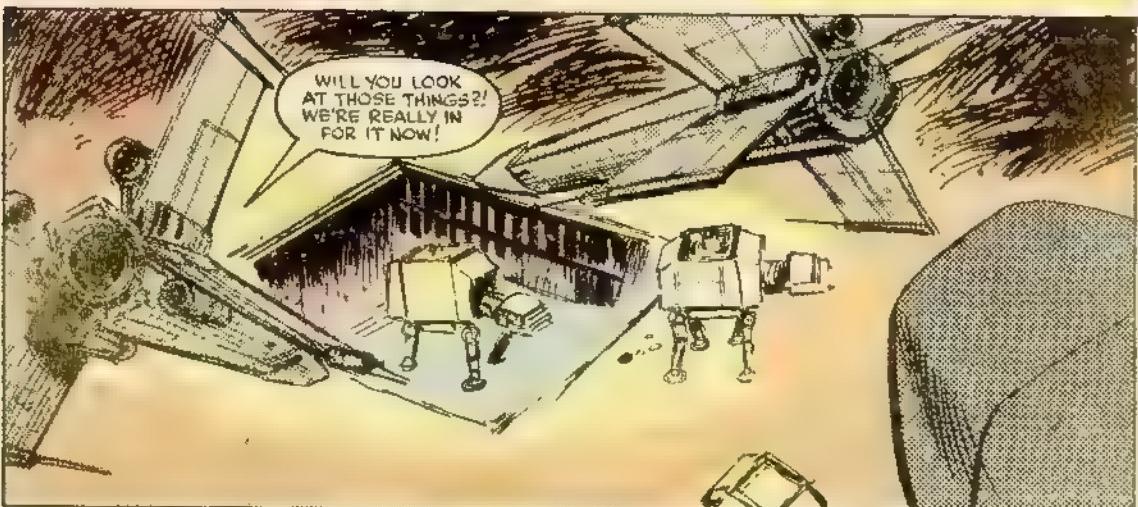
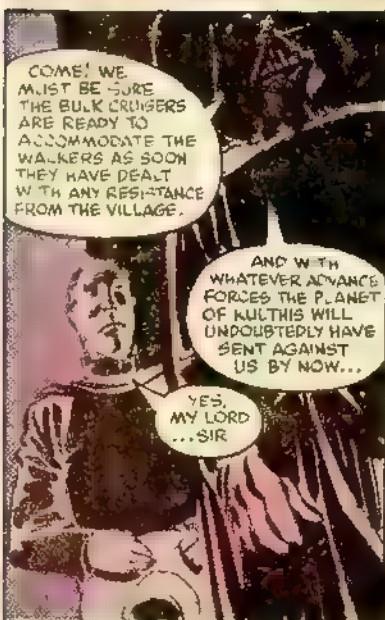


THE REBELS AREN'T ABOUT
TO LET THOSE WALKERS MOVE
OUT WITHOUT TRYING TO DESTROY
THEM.. BUT IF THEY BRING IN THEIR
OWN FORCES, IT'S GOING TO MEAN...
WE CAN'T JUST STAND HERE AND
LET THEM FIGHT THEIR WAR
IN OUR VILLAGE... WE'VE GOT
TO SAVE EVERYONE!





WHAT FOR? THEY ARE INSIGNIFICANT! THEY MEAN NOTHING, AND THEY CAN ACCOMPLISH NOTHING!



YOU'RE RIGHT, WE ARE, BUT THOSE ATAT WALKERS AREN'T UNBEATABLE. WE HAVEN'T GOT THE RAW POWER TO BEAT THEM, BUT IT CAN BE DONE WITH STRATEGY...

GO FOR THEIR WEAK POINTS, AND DON'T ANYONE TAKE FOOLISH CHANCES...

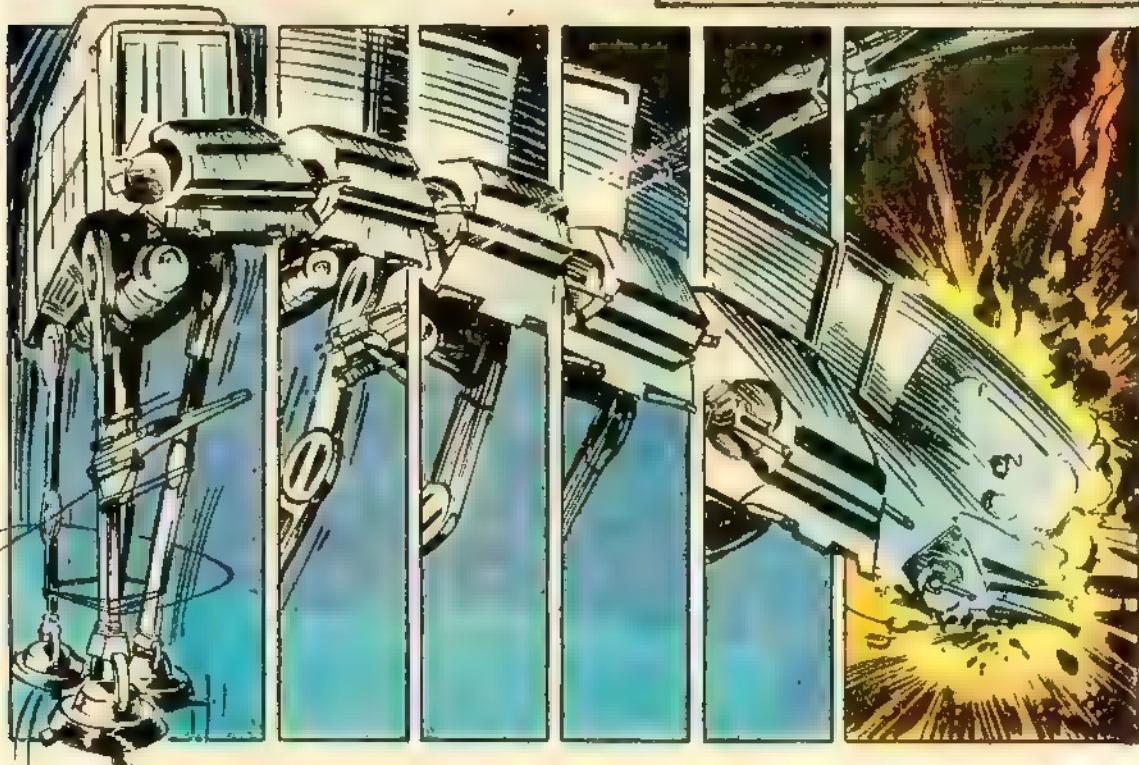
ANYONE WHOSE SHIP IS EQUIPPED WITH A CABLE AND TOW LINE, FLY AROUND A WALKER AND ENTANGLE ITS LEGS...

THEN, LET SOMEONE ELSE FINISH IT FOR YOU, ONCE IT'S DOWN...

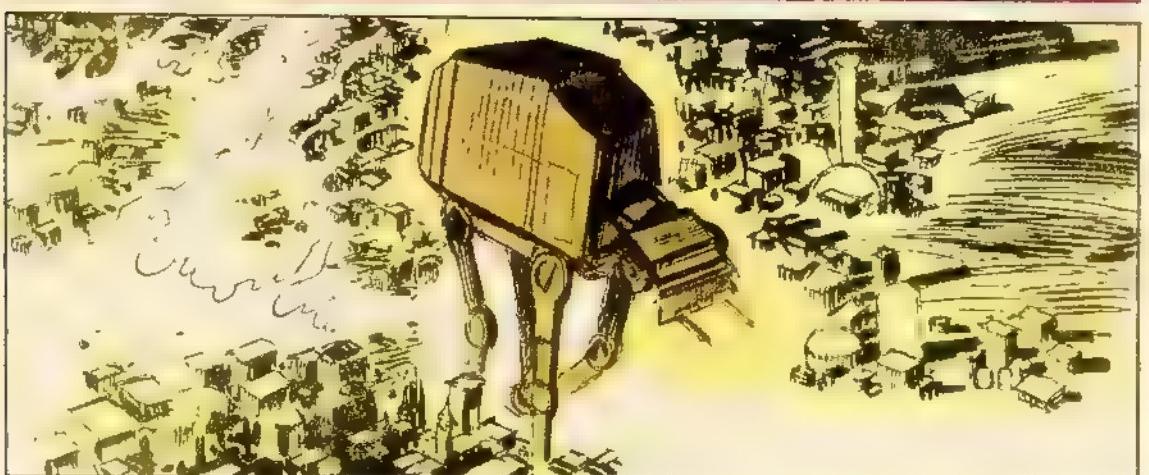
COMMANDER, WASN'T IT ATATS THAT DROVE YOU FROM THE BASE ON THE ICE PLANET, HOTH?

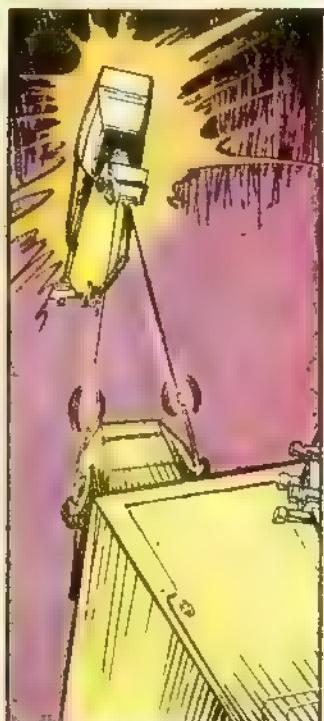
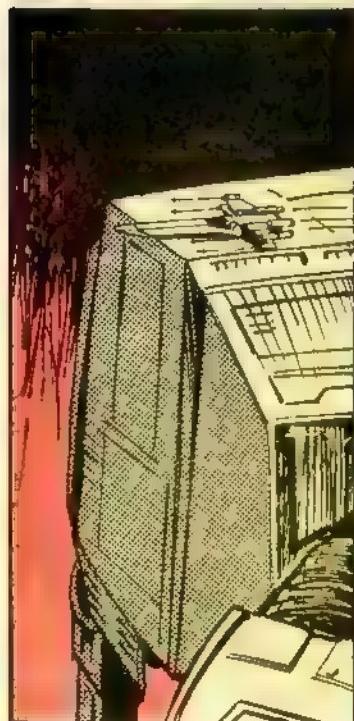
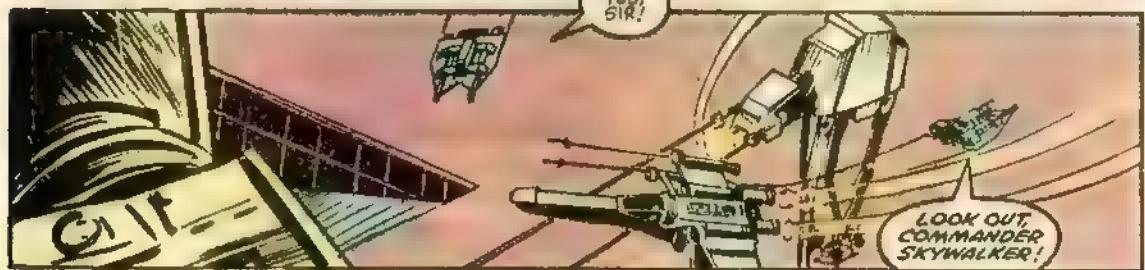
YEAH... BUT THE NUMBERS ARE IN OUR FAVOR HERE. WE WERE OUT-MANNED ON HOTH...

ALSO WE WERE TRYING TO PROTECT A GROUND BASE. HERE, IT'S THE EMPIRE WHO ARE TRYING TO DEFEND THEIR BASE!

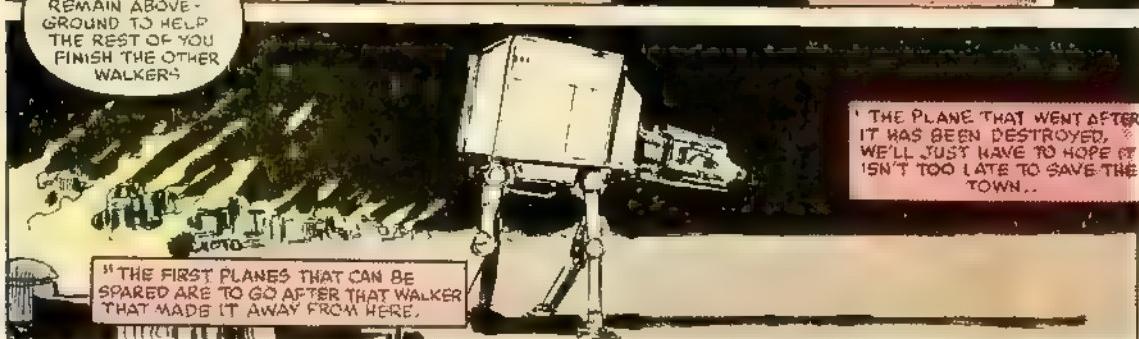
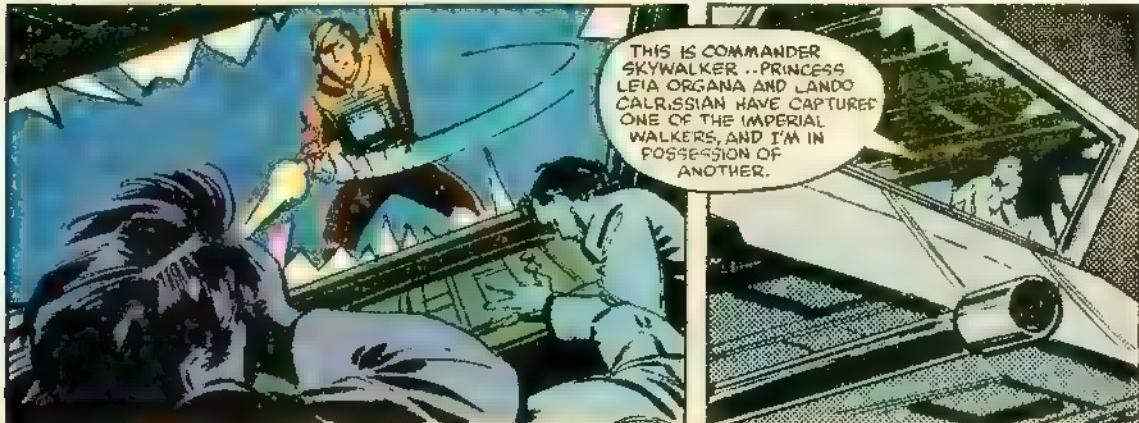


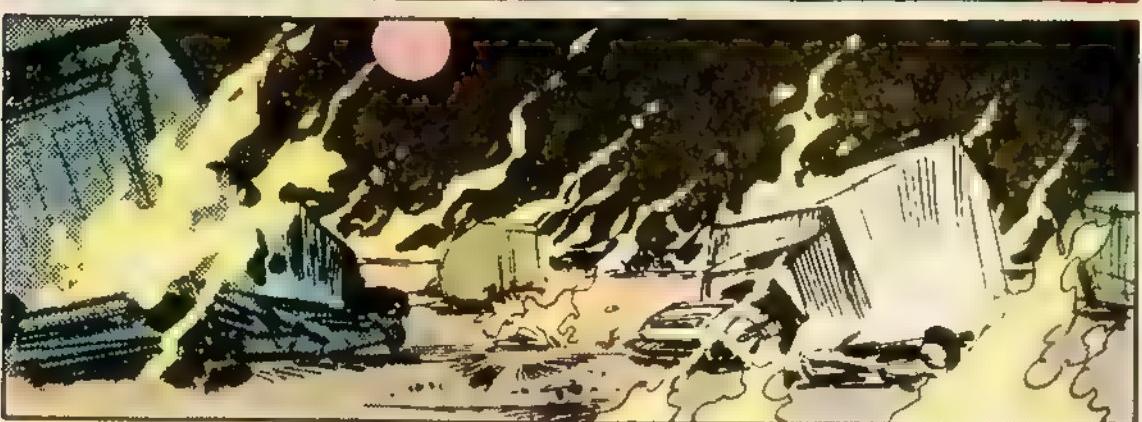






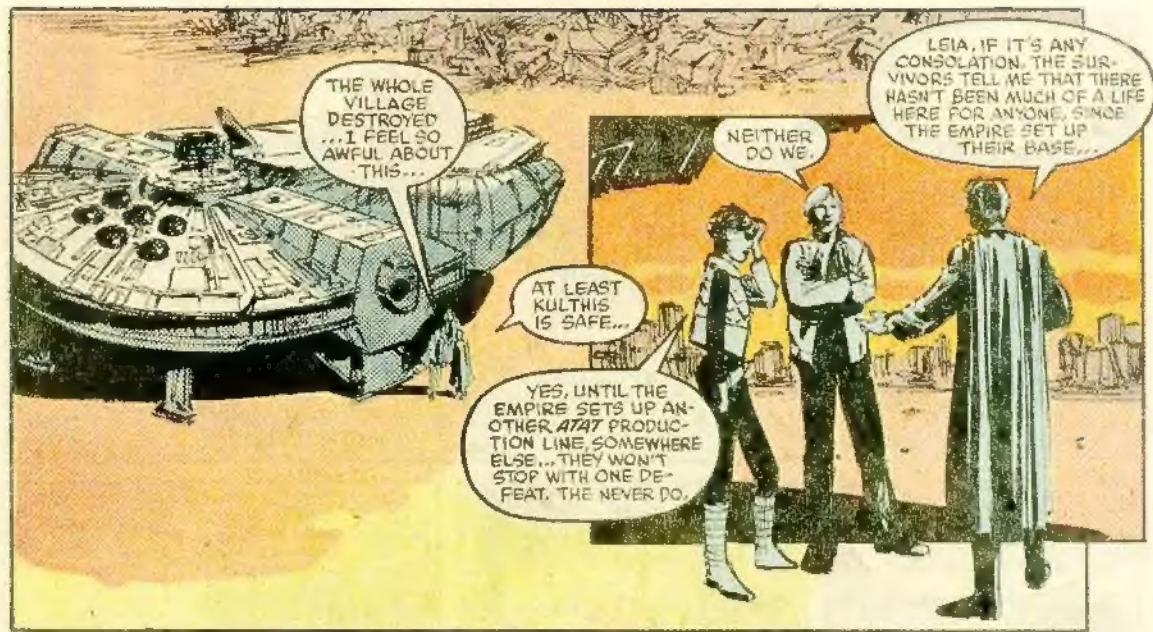












THIS IS JUST WHAT I'VE DREAMED OF...WHAT I'VE WANTED ALL MY LIFE...EXCEPT THIS TIME IT'S NO GAME...

I'M GOING TO GET MY CHANCE...JOIN THE REBELLION...MAYBE FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN REALLY TRAIN ME AS A JEDI KNIGHT...

LIKE FLINT HAS...Y'KNOW, ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS SAW HIM GO...HEARD HIM TALKIN' TO THAT IMPERIAL LORD... HE SAID FLINT SOUNDED CERTAIN...AND EVEN HAPPY.

MAYBE...MAYBE HE WAS NEVER AS INTERESTED IN THE REBELLION AND THE EMPIRE...OR GOOD AND EVIL...AS HE THOUGHT.

MAYBE ALL HE EVER REALLY WANTED WAS POWER, AND IT JUST TOOK THIS TO MAKE HIM SEE IT.

SO DON'T BLAME YOURSELVES ABOUT FLINT...I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE IT'S POSSIBLE HE COULD STILL BE SAVED...

OR MAYBE HE'S BEEN LOST FOR YEARS, AND I JUST NEVER SAW IT...

BECAUSE IN SPITE OF ALL THAT'S HAPPENED...I CAN'T GET OVER THE FEELING...

"...THAT MAYBE FLINT HAS FINALLY GOTTEN WHAT HE REALLY WANTED ALL ALONG..."

